Fire in the Headquarters of BCCL, Koilnagar

3203. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a huge fire in the Headquarters of Bharat Coking Coal Limited at Koilnagar in May, 2001;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what has been the extent of loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Fire had broken out at about 1.00 P.M. on 27-5-2001 in level-II of Central Block, Koyla Bhavan which was under the occupation of project and planning division of BCCL. The committee constituted for investigating into the cause and source of fire has established that it was due to electric short circuiting.

(c) Loss has been estimated to be around 1.51 crores.

Recommendations of Geethakrishnan Committee

3204. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geethakrishnan Committee has recommended closing down of marketing offices of CIL;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) the details of the marketing offices of CIL functioning at present all over the country; and

(d) business done by these marketing offices during the last three years in comparison to private coal companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The Expenditure Reforms Commission (Geethakrishnan Committee) in para 42(b)(i) of its Report has recommended that a good, efficient, cost-effective and commercially transparent IT based sales and marketing network should replace the present set up of regional offices.

(b) The Ministry is of the view that there is a strong case for restructuring the regional and sales offices of CIL and a good, efficient, cost-effective and commercially transparent IT based sales and marketing network may replace

the present set up of regional sales offices of CIL.

(c) CIL has its marketing Headquarter at Kolkata. The regional/branch offices are functioning at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, New Delhi, Patna and Jharkhand (Ranchi).

(d) The statement showing sales realization by regional sales offices during the last three years is given hereunder:—

Sales Realisation by Regional Sales Offices during the last three years

(Rupees in Crores)

Regional Sales Office	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Ahmedabad	941.25	980.40	864.55
Chennai	722.08	812.16	758.98
Chandigarh	390.45	560.35	703.23
Hyderabad	347.62	349.19	411.21
Kolkata	3.32	2.82	3.11
New Delhi	887.08	1083.46	1100.99
Patna	–	222.46	207.56
Lucknow	866.88	1212.24	1356.94
Jaipur	323.22	455.42	557.22
Mumbai	1531.00	1632.00	1483.00
Bangalore	191.97	153.96	138.17
Jharkhand	–	–	–
TOTAL	6204.87	7464.46	7585.05

As regards business done by private coal companies, the data is not available with CIL.

Pitiable condition of public amenities at various projects of NCL

†3205. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public amenities like catering and toilets etc. are in very pitiable condition at the various projects of Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli such as Jayant, Veena, Kakri Projects;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that local administration is not paying any

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.